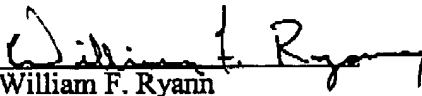


REMARKS

This Third Preliminary Amendment is submitted pursuant to a request by the Examiner. The Amendment is for the purpose of clarifying the particular claims the applicant intends to be pending at this time.

The Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney at (203) 794-1100 should this be seen as helpful in advancement of prosecution of this application. Please charge any deficiency or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0860.

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